

THE

REHEARSAL.

1. The *Review* not Wrong'd in the last Account I gave of him. He will not have it a *Paper-War* that is betwixt him and me.
2. His *New Experiment*, That a *Freeholder* of 40 s. a year may sit at Home himself, and Command his *Master* of 10000 £. a year to carry a *Musket* for him to the *War*, or Turn out of the *Kingdom*.
3. The *Country-man* Acts this Naturally.
4. The *Review* makes the *Freeholders* the Ultimate *Judges* above *King* and *Parliament*.
5. The *Whiggs* have the like *Notion* of all other *Kings*, and love to Insult *Crown'd Heads*.
6. If Absolute *Kings* were such as our *Whiggs* Represent them, the late *Insult* upon the *Muscovite Ambassador* might Cost us Dear.
7. The *Observator*, *Review* &c. Chiefly *Guilty* of that *Insult*. The like no whe-
re but in *England*.

SATURDAY, March 5. 1708.

(1.) *Country-man.* **W**E had pure Company with the *Review* last time, I suppose you'll be troubl'd with no more of his Company in hast! But he may say, That you may make any body Ridiculous at this Rate, if you can put what *Answers* you please in his Mouth.

Rehearsal. I appeal to every one that has Read our *Papers*, whether I have not given his true and real *Answers*, and all the *Answers* he has given this Twelve Month past) or more, to my Objections against his *Experiment*. When I shew'd the plain *Deter-
tion* of it in the *Answer* to it, the Forgd *Affidavits* and *Letters of Orders*, with the *Bishop's Certificate* that he never gave such *Orders* &c. Had I any other *Answer* from the *Review*, than that he still believ'd every *Title* in the *Experiment* to be *True*! That the *Papers* with the *Vouchers Names* were left at Mr. *Skey's* for every one to see that pleas'd, for that he had their free Leave to tell their *Names*. And when I reply'd that if he had their leave to tell their *Names*, why did he go about the *Bush* so? Did he think every body thro' the *Nation* that Reads his *Paper* most go to Mr. *Skey's* to be Satisfy'd? And that it look'd suspicious, he wou'd not Print them in his *Papers*, since he says he had their Leave. Yet all the *Answer* was, That their *Names* were at Mr. *Skey's*! And when I at last told him I had sent to Mr. *Skey's*, and that he wou'd not tell one of their *Names*. I had nothing but the same *Answer* from him, That they were

at Mr. *Skey's*! Nor other *Answer* cou'd I get from him to this Day.

Country-m. Yes. He bids you go to *Law*. For that this is not a *Paper-War*.

Rehearsal. What! Not 'twixt him and me? Are we at *Law*? And I gave him very good *Rea-
son*, I thought, why it was worth no other body's while to prosecute this Matter any further at *Law*. And all the *Answer* he still gives, is, *Go to Law*. And he has Repeated this 20 times!

Country-m. You have not Wrong'd him indeed, *Master*. This is all the *Answer* he has given, or I believe ever will give. Tho' I fancies he'll be Asham'd to repeat these *Answers* any more. And if he once come to be Asham'd of any thing, there is Hopes?

(2.) *Rehearsal.* That we may not quit the *Review* abruptly (for he's a *Man* of *Consideration*, and I am about to take leave of him) I will give you a better *Experiment* of his than this *Experiment* we have been upon. It is an *Experiment* of *Argument*, and so will not Cost us so much *Pains* as the other. He cannot send us to Mr. *Skey's*. And it is the great *Cause of Liberty* which he has so long Maintain'd. And has now brought it to a most Convincing *Issue*. I'll give it you in his own *Words*, it is in his of the 20th. *January* last, Vol. 5. N. 128. p. 511. where he says Notably,

" Mutual Defence is one of the least
" Conditions the Inhabitants can be Re-
" quir'd to Contribute, to the Assistance of
" their *Lords* the *Freeholders*, in Case of Need.
" And

“ And on this Foot it can be no Oppression, if the Freeholders were driven to such an Exigence, that they Commanded all the Men in the Nation to Arms for the Defence of the whole, except themselves, and did not suffer one of their Body to stir a Foot— He that had but 40 s. a year *Terra firma*, has a Right to stay at Home, and Representatively Consider'd, to Command him that has Ten Thousand Pounds a year in Tenements, Leases, Copy-holds, Fen-Rents, Interest on Bonds, &c. to take a Musket and Fight for him, or to remove out of the Kingdom.

(3.) *Country-m.* I have 40 Shillings a year in *Terra firma*. And if I see a fine Coach and Six go by my Door (where I sell a Pot of good Ale) with Gentlemen and Lackeys, a Power of them, on Horseback, and may be a *Furbul'd-Lady* or two in the Coach, what signifies all that? May not I go out and stop the Coach and say, Here, you Sr. Duke, Marquis, Earl, Judge, Lawyer, Usurer, or whatever you be, you may have your Thousands in Places, Pensions, Bonds, and Baggs, but if you have not as much *Terra firma* as I have, Know I am your Lord, and can Command you to take a Musket, and Fight for me and I stay at Home my self, by virtue of my Prerogative! Therefore I say, Stop, you and my Lady there, and all your Company, and Soop up my Tub of Ale, or Pay me for't. Else I'll send a *Warrant* to my Deputy my Representative, to have you *Pris'd* for *Flanders* or *Catalonia*, to keep the Enemy far off, lest they Invade my *Terra Firma*; whilst *Joan* and I Soak our Noses in my *Hovel*, and send you our *Natural-Born-Servants* and *Subjects*, to see how you like the *Frost* in *Germany*!

(4.) *Rehears.* But the *Review* says, That you may do this only in *Cases of Need*, and if the Freeholders were driven to such an *Exigence*.

Country-m. And who is *Judge* of such an *Exigence*? It wou'd be a Sad Case indeed, if the *Subjects* were *Judges* over their *Sovereigns*! I wou'd not give a Farthing then for all the Power of our *Sovereign* Lord the *People*! What! Shall *Kings* and *Parliaments* who were made by the *People*, be *Judges* over the *People*? The *Review* knows better things than to Allow of that! In his Vol. 2. N. 46. the 19th of *Jule*, 1705. He threatened the then *Parliament*, to *Open the Magazine of Original Power* upon them, Of which (says he) the late *Revolution* is a *Pattern*. Making all that a *Mob Business* too! And in his of *June* 22, and 26. 1708. Vol. 5. N. 37, and 39. He calls *Westminster-Hall* a *Tenement of Satan's*. Gives up our *Army* as a *Donation to the Devil*. And in his of the

16. the same Month, N. 35. he supposes this same present *Parliament* to be a *House of Devils*, and *Satan* their *Speaker*, and by all means to be *Resisted* and not *Obey'd* by the *Good People of England*. As you have at large set forth in your Vol. 3. N. 30. 31. Therefore he makes the *People*, that is, the Freeholders, to be the *Ultimate Judges* over their *Representatives in Parliament* and all others whatsoever. *Kings* are Nothing to them, they can tread upon *Princes* like *Mortar*!

(5.) *Rehears.* And not only their own *Kings*, but all other *Kings* and *Princes*. For who have not a Regard for their own *King*, can never have for any other. They look upon them all as *Invaders* of the *Rights of the People*. This is the Reason of their *Rude* and *Scurrilous Treatment* of *Crown'd Heads* in General, of which the *Observators* and *Reviews* are so full.

(6.) *Country-m.* But the *Observator* of late has taken a great deal of Pains to *Vindicate* the *Privilege* of Foreign *Ambassadors*, on Account of the late *Insult* upon the *Ambassador* of his *Czarish Majesty*.

Rehears. That was only on Account of the ill *Consequences* it might have produc'd. And if these *Absolute Kings* were such *Monsters* as our *Liberty-Orators* have taken Pains to *Paint* them to the *People*, this might have cost the *Lives* of all the *English* in *Russia*, and the *Loss* of that *Trade* into the *Bargain*. Which yet we have not so free as some *Neighbours*.

And in my Opinion the *Observator* who Blames the *Action*, was more *Guilty* than the *Brutal Hands* that *Assaulted* the *Ambassador*.

Country-m. How, Master, wou'd you bring in the *Observator* there too!

(7.) *Rehears.* Yes, and the *Review* too. For these *senseless Notions of Liberty* which they (among others) have Blown into the Heads of the *People*, of their being the *Original of Government*, and *Superior to Kings and Parliaments*, make them not only *Insolent* to their own *Governors*, to all *Quality* and *Distinction* of Men here at home, but likewise all over the *World*. Therefore you have not heard of such Treatment of *Ambassadors* by any *People* as in *England*! Other *Nations* have not the *Thought*. They are Bred up with a *Reverence* for *Crown'd-Heads* and their *Character*; which our *Demagogues* call *Slavish Principles*, And unworthy a *Free-Born English Man*.

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